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Week in Review

U.S.-China tech relations

- The United States government defended a law signed by President Donald Trump last year that bars federal agencies from purchasing equipment from Huawei Technologies Co. and ZTE Corp., saying that it has ample national security reasons for the order in a new court filing responding to Huawei's lawsuit challenging the law. In its first public defense of the law, the United States pointed to years of concerns that Huawei's technology could be used

by the Chinese government to spy or disable telecommunications networks.

- Though Trump said he would allow sales of American technology to Huawei as part of an agreement with China to resume trade talks, National Economic Council Chairman Larry Kudlow said during a "Fox News Sunday" interview that the looser restrictions will apply only to products that are available widely worldwide. Kudlow also said the United States' security concerns about Huawei will be part of the renewed trade talks.

- HP Inc. and Dell Technologies Inc. are planning to move up to 30 percent of their notebook production out of China, according to several people familiar with the matter, as Microsoft Corp., Google, Amazon.com Inc., Sony Corp. and Nintendo Co. consider shifting production of their game console and smart speakers from the country, per multiple sources. The uncertain trade relationship between China and the United States, paired with rising manufacturing costs in China, is prompting tech companies to look at alternative locations, the people said.

Social media and mobile technology

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection said it is investigating inappropriate and vulgar social media posts from current and former Border Patrol officers that were uncovered in a secret group on Facebook Inc.'s platform. The group, called "I'm 10-15," has about 9,500 members and included offensive graphics, such as one depicting Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) being sexually assaulted by the president, and conversations about possibly disrupting a congressional visit to a Border Patrol facility.

- Facebook Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg said in a blog post that the company will treat the 2020 U.S. census "like an election," putting staff, technology and policies in place to protect against interference and giving extra scrutiny to misinformation on the platform. The new policy announcement accompanied a 26-page update on a civil rights review the company began in May 2018, which is conducted by a third party.

- New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) ordered the state's Department of Financial Services to look into whether any advertisers in the state used Facebook's advertising platform in discriminatory ways. One official said the investigation will focus on housing providers and how they use Facebook.

Regulation and antitrust

- In a Fox News interview, Trump accused Facebook, Twitter Inc. and Google of opposing him, saying, without showing proof, that Twitter has been making it "hard to follow" his account. However, when asked if the Justice Department had a role in determining whether tech companies were engaging in illegal actions, Trump declined to answer directly.

- The European Commission has distributed questionnaires about Facebook's practices to customers and competitors, according to two people familiar with the matter, making the company the latest major tech firm to come under antitrust scrutiny in Europe. The regulator is looking at Facebook's sales platform and data-sharing practices, per one source, and companies have been asked to respond by this week.

- Qualcomm Inc. lost its bid to pause a ruling while its appeal is pending in a lawsuit involving the Federal Trade Commission that would push the chipmaker to renegotiate many of its licensing agreements, which U.S. District Judge Lucy Koh said abused Qualcomm's market power and forced customers to pay inflated prices for chips and royalties. Qualcomm said it will immediately ask San Francisco's federal appeals court to stay the order.

- A new ruling from the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia concluded that Amazon.com Inc. can be held liable for the products on its site sold by third parties, reversing a lower court decision, in a suit filed by Pennsylvania resident Heather Oberdorf who was blinded in one eye by a retractable dog leash she bought from an Amazon third-party seller. The case is now being sent back to a lower court to decide whether or not the leash was defective.

Telecommunications and wireless

- The Department of Justice is pushing Deutsche Telekom, which would control the combined T-Mobile US Inc. and Sprint Corp., to divest more to Dish Network Corp. to earn regulatory approval for the proposed merger , according to people familiar with the matter. Justice Department officials are asking that Deutsche Telekom give Dish unlimited access to its network so it can be a more competitive player in the wireless industry, but T-Mobile is arguing that Dish should be given only 12.5 percent of the network's capacity.

What's Ahead

- The House and Senate are in session this week.
- The Federal Communications Commission's next open commission meeting is Thursday. Agenda items include considerations for a proposal about Educational Broadband Service licensees and procedures for the 5G incentive auction.
- The White House will host its social media summit on Thursday. PragerU, an online video platform where conservative personalities host shows, is expected to attend, and invites have also been sent to the Heritage Foundation and the Media Research Center, a conservative watchdog media group.

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

07/08/2019

NIST's privacy framework workshop	
Public Forum: Action Items for Implementing the Federal Data Strategy	

07/09/2019

NIST's privacy framework workshop	
The Information's conference call on the relationship between the U.S. and China	9:00 am
Senate Judiciary hearing on protecting innocence in the digital world	10:00 am

Telecommunications Industry Association's event on IoT security and legislation	12:00 pm
CBC Tech 2020: a Discussion on Artificial Intelligence	1:00 pm
Senate Commerce hearing on NASA exploration plans in honor of the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11 mission	3:00 pm

07/10/2019

VentureBeat Transform 2019	
TechCrunch Sessions: Mobility 2019	9:00 am
Center for Strategic and International Studies' "Network Futures: 5G, SDN and the Internet" webcast event	9:00 am
Senate Commerce markup, including bills on STEM careers, broadband data, IoT innovations and more	10:00 am
House Homeland Security Committee's hearing on the Department of Homeland Security's use of facial recognition and biometric technologies	10:00 am
House Science Committee's hearing on NASA's plans for the international space station	10:00 am
FCC's July Open Commission Meeting	10:30 am
AEI event on higher education and artificial intelligence	10:45 am
New America's event on governance in space	2:00 pm

07/11/2019

VentureBeat Transform 2019	
White House Social Media Summit	
FCC's SHAKEN/STIR Robocall Summit	
U.S. Chamber of Commerce's "Data Done Right" summit focused on data privacy	9:45 am
Information Technology and Innovation Foundation's event on the big tech breakup debate	10:00 am

FCC webinar for low power broadcasters on the emergency alert system	1:00 pm
Senate Commerce hearing on National Surface Transportation Research Agenda	2:00 pm

07/12/2019

House Energy and Commerce's energy subcommittee's hearing on cyber threats to the grid	9:30 am

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Morning Consult Tech Top Reads

1) Investigation of Secret Border Patrol Group Launched as New Degrading Facebook Posts Surface
A.C. Thompson and Dara Lind, ProPublica

2) White House official: New sales to China's Huawei to cover only widely available goods
Howard Schneider, Reuters

3) Koch network throws its weight behind Silicon Valley in the regulatory battle with Washington
Ylan Mui, CNBC

4) This Former Google Executive Was Accused Of Running A "Sex Ring"
Ryan Mac, BuzzFeed News

5) Life after Obama: Jay Carney is a top advisor to Jeff Bezos and architect of Amazon's HQ2
Eugene Kim, CNBC

6) The cost of an ad-free internet: $35 more per month
Rani Molla, Vox

7) The Mormon Church vs. The Internet
Lauren Larson, The Verge

8) Facebook Is Latest Tech Company to Come Under EU's Antitrust Scrutiny
Aoife White, Bloomberg

9) Privacy concerns grow with Smart TVs
Sara Fischer, Axios

10) Facebook to ban misinformation about 2020 census
David Ingram, NBC News

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